

MR. HAVEMEYER'S FRIENDS

**Oblige His Sugar Trust By Keeping
Duty on the Refined Article.**

BRICE,SMITH,ELKINS;BIG THREE

They May Not Have Made a Million in the Stock, but They Have Known What Was Going On—The Income Tax Gives Mr. Smith a Chance to Tell Us Just the Truth.

The warfare which has been waged so successfully for the maintenance of the duty on refined sugar has been understood all along to be under the leadership of Senator Brice. He has not himself always appeared conspicuously in the battle, but it has been commonly accepted that he could be relied upon at the right time, and that all the time he was really directing the various forces, within the Senate and out of it, which were doing the behests of Mr. Havemeyer, Mr. Searies, and the sugar trust. Chiefly in support of Mr.

price it has been understood that Mr. Smith, of New Jersey, has stood. His constituents object to the income tax. He himself objects to it, and so strongly does Mr. Smith object to the income tax, and so strongly does he believe that his constituents oppose it, that he is prepared to vote against the whole tariff bill if that course is necessary in order to beat the income tax.

The government in sugar, which followed the unusually sudden advent of Senator Brice in New York one day only a few short weeks ago, not only that Mr. Brice understood and was prepared to accede to the wishes of the sugar planters, but that he was personally and unusually familiar with its inside operations, and it was charged, moreover, that he had pocketed a cool million dollars by reason of this knowledge. This sum is doubtless far in excess of the actual truth, but by that fact alone it is evident that the Senator from Ohio made no money directly in sugar, nor is it known that Mr. Smith, of New Jersey, did. It is known, however, that these two gentlemen are the main beneficiaries of the trust in insulating, even to the point of beating out the tariff, that the duty on sugar shall be maintained.

The story most commonly believed is that

period for the sugar trust not many weeks ago and arranged, not that Mr. Brice should go to the front in opposing the bill unless sugar should be protected in it, but that he should be the one to make the measure, and that Mr. Smith should, by reason of his own belief, and also the wishes of his constituents, outwardly oppose the bill even to the length of voting against it finally. It is not how many other Senators would be included in the decision, but how many have been made at that time. The Louisiana Senators might have been necessary; but they could be counted on already. Mr. Camden, of West Virginia, and Mr. Gorman, of

It is very generally believed that the manipulations which are customarily required in such cases have been in charge, so far as the Department of the Senate and the House are concerned, of a man of the highest character. Stephen E. Elkins, himself a partner of almost all of the Senators above mentioned in various enterprises in various parts of the country. It is also well understood that Mr. Elkins is a man of the highest character, the strongest in his party, and his long experience in public life has made him especially

like qualified to "handle" the Republican question of the proposed diplomatic matter which the protection of the supreme trust in the country is at stake. It is very certain that, at the very season when arrangements are supposed to have been made between Mr. Havemeyer on the part of the Senate and Senators Bryce and Smith on the part of the Republican party, Mr. Elkins was reported to have been in Washington, and that he was known during these fateful hours and days just mentioned to be conferring with great frequency with the President and the Secretary of State. It is not known whether Mr. Elkins has influenced the Republican Senators, nor is it always necessary in an important diplomatic affair like this that the person who is supposed really to have the

all outward appearances the virtue of the Republican minority remains intact, though it is suggested by certain cynical disbelievers that one cannot tell what might have become of

his integrity if it had been tested sufficiently. The news at the Capitol now is that everything is going to suit the trust, though if sufficient antagonism to the sugar duty is developed in the House the plans of Messrs. Havemeyer, Searles, Brice, Smith, and Elkins may yet be upset. The trust unquestionably has an almost limitless amount of money to spend. It simply has to pay for the sugar, which is estimated to be worth \$15,000,000 annually to the trust, is not with the sum of money it can take in this case. It is pointed out by a Republican Senator, who has been made very familiar with the inside operations of the trust, that its annual proceeds as a trust are

worth at least \$35,000,000 annually to it; this because of its various deals with steamship lines and ship owners who bring raw sugar to this country, and with the various railroads of the country themselves, which are admitted to deals by which not only the trust makes money, but the railroads also pocket their little portions of the extra price paid upon the consumer for every conceivable reason and with all possible avidity. Moreover, inside the trust it is admitted that the various officers make their little "stakes"

The above impressions are gradually dripping into the possession of members of the House, and a warm battle between the true and the advocates of free sugar is sure to be encountered in the new gathering of the Capitol in the near future. It is insisted, both in the Senate, that the various roll-calls, both in the Senate and the House, will be watched with the greatest avidity.

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President Bermudez's Condition.

LIMA, March 31.—The strictest secrecy is observed regarding the condition of President Bermudez, whose serious illness has been reported in these despatches. A report is current in the city that he died this morn-

Three Thousand Miners Will Strike.
HOUTZDALE, Pa., March 31.—At a mass meeting held here this afternoon the 3,000 miners of the Clearfield mines voted to sus-

Zelazki Will Go on the Stage.
WARSAW, Ind., March 31.—M. W. Hanley, of Harrington's theater, New York, has made Mrs. Zelica Nicolaus an offer of \$150 per week to appear during the second act of the "Princess and the Froeblander" in a thinking part, now being represented by the Pauline Hall Opera Company. Mrs. Nicolaus has accepted the offer.

Rochester on Her Guard.
ROCHESTER, Pa., March 31.—Burgess Hurst will swear into service Monday twelve special policemen to guard the town from the ravages of tramps that may accompany Conry's camp. The barrooms will all be closed.

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